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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HARTLING DISCUSSES HIS GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE

1. DURING OUR TALK TODAY, I MENTIONED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT WE HAD NOTED INCREASING TALK IN RECENT DAY ABOUT A POSSIBLE ELECTION, PERHAPS IN MID-JANUARY. WHAT CRDENCE SHOULD WE PLACE IN THESE REPORTS? HARTLING SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SOON PRESENT ITS PLAN TO MEET DENMARK'S CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY. "IF THE PARLIAMENT REJECTS THAT PLAN -- AND IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE PARLIAMENT--WE'LL TAKE AN ELECTION AND GO ON FROM THERE". HE ADDED "OUR BEST FRIENDS" WOULD LIKE TO TAKE OUR PLACE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND "OUR ENEMIES" WOULD LIKE TO SEE US THROWN OUT. ALL IN ALL, HE SAID HE THOUGH THERE WAS A "FAIR CHANCE" THAT HE AND HIS SLIM MINORITY GOVERNMENT WOULD GO ON.

2. COMMENT: HARTLING IS A CONGENITAL OPTOMIST BUT  
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ALSO A PRETTY SKILLED POLITICIAN. AT THIS WRITING HIS

CHANCES OF CARRYING THROUGH IS ECONOMIC PLAN WHICH WILL  
STEP ON MANY TOES, DO NOT LOOK PARTICULARLY GOOD, BUT HE  
HAS WEATHERED SOME DIFFICULT TIMES BEFORE AND MAY WELL  
DO SO AGAIN. I TAKE IT FROM HIS COMMENTS THAT EVEN IF  
THERE IS AN ELECTIN HE FEELS HE HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF  
FORMING THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. I AM TOLD THAT A SITTING  
GOVERNMENT NEED NOT RESIGN AFTER CALLING AN ELECTION, IF  
IT THEN WINS AN INCREASE OF SEATS IT CAN CONTINUE UNTIL OTHER  
PARTIES SUCCEED IN COMBINING TO PASS A NO-CONFIDENCE  
RESOLUTION.  
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